Title VI Plan



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Executive Summary

Incorporated in 1915, the City of Willcox is a municipal government agency that provides essential public services to the community of Willcox.

Willcox is located in northern Cochise County in the Sulphur Springs Valley. Interstate 10 intersects the City with three exits. The city is surrounded by Arizona's most prominent mountain ranges. Four of Arizona's five largest mountains are located within a 65 mile radius. A very large dry lakebed, the Willcox Playa, is located 5 miles south of the City. It is the remnant of the Ice Age-era Lake Cochise. Scores of birds including Sandhill Cranes winter in the area.

Originally known as 'Maley", Willcox was founded in 1880 as a whistle-stop on the Southern Pacific Railroad. It was later renamed in honor of General Orlando B. Willcox who arrived on the first train in 1880. Willcox has maintained its rural lifestyle through a strong agricultural and ranching economy. Willcox is the birthplace of Rex Allen, who wrote and recorded many songs and was known as "The Arizona Cowboy."

The City of Willcox's mission is to provide a healthy, positive environment for living, education, and employment; supply safe, pure water, dependable sewer and natural gas, quality fire and police protection, well maintained streets, refuse collection, recreational facilities and other citizen requested services in an economical and professional manner.

In 2020, the City of Willcox was a first time FTA Section 5311 applicant. The City began service in October 2021, with Demand Response (Dial-a-Ride) service to the City of Willcox and the surrounding communities of Sunsites/Pearce/Kansas Settlement, Bowie/San Simon, and Winchester Heights. The service operates in response to calls from passengers or their agents to a transit dispatcher, who then dispatches a vehicle to pick up the passengers and transport them to their destinations. The vehicle will operate Monday to Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Advanced reservation trips made the business day before would receive priority over same day requests.

What t	ype of program fund(s) did you apply for?
	5310 5311 Other (please explain)
	Funding Requests? (Check all that apply)
\boxtimes	Vehicle Funds Operating Funds
	Other (please explain)
Is your	agency receiving direct funds from FTA?
□If ye ⊠No	s, please attach a copy of your FTA letter of approval of Title VI Plan.

Non-Discrimination Notice to the Public

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI and ADA City of Willcox

City of Willcox operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, national origin or disability in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with the **City of Willcox**.

For more information on the City of Willcox's civil rights program, and the procedures to file a complaint, contact Angel Lauve, Transit Program Manager, (520) 766-7433, (TTY 711); email alauve@willcox.az.gov; or visit our administrative office at 300 W. Rex Allen Dr., Willcox, AZ 85643. For more information, visit https://willcox.az.gov/departments/transit.

Complaints may be filed directly with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Civil Rights Office. ATTN: Title VI Program Coordinator 206 S. 17TH Ave MD 155A RM: 183 Phoenix AZ, 85007 or with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). ATTN: Title VI Program Coordinator, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590

If information is needed in another language, contact City Hall Front Desk **(520) 384-4271**. *Para información en Español llame: **(520) 384-4271**

Non Discrimination Notice to the Public - Spanish

Aviso Público Sobre los Derechos Bajo el Título VI Y ADA City of Willcox

City of Willcox (y sus subcontratistas, si cualquiera) asegura cumplir con el Título VI de la Ley de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973 y La Ley de ciudadanos Americanos con Discapacidades de 1990 (ADA). El nivel y la calidad de servicios de transporte serán proveídos sin consideración a su raza, color, país de origen, o discapacidad.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa de Derechos Civiles de City of Willcox, y los procedimientos para presentar una queja, contacte Angel Lauve, Transit Program Manager (520) 766-7433, (TTY 711); o visite nuestra oficina administrativa en 300 W. Rex Allen Dr., Willcox, AZ 85643. Para obtener más información, visite https://willcox.az.gov/departments/transit

Una queja puede ser presentada con la oficina de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT). Atención: Title VI Program Manager, 206 S. 17th Ave MD 155A Phoenix AZ, 85007 o con la Administración Federal de Transporte (FTA). Atención: Title VI Coordinator, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590

The above notice is posted in the following locations: City Hall, Fire Department, Public Works, and City Library

This notice is posted online at https://willcox.az.gov/departments/transit

Non Discrimination ADA/Title VI Complaint Procedures

These procedures provide guidance for all complaints filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) as they relate to any program or activity that is administered by **City of Willcox** including consultants, contractors and vendors. Intimidation or retaliation as a result of a complaint is prohibited by law. In addition to these procedures, complainants reserve the right to file a formal complaint with other State or Federal agencies or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination. Every effort will be made to resolve complaints at the lowest possible level.

- Any person who believes he and/or she has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability may file a Discrimination complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form.
- Formal complaints must be filed within 180 calendar days of the last date of the alleged act of
 discrimination or the date when the alleged discrimination became known to the complainant(s),
 or where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which the conduct was
 discontinued or the latest instance of the conduct.
- Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant(s) and must include the
 complainant(s) name, address and phone number. The ADA/Title VI contact person will assist the
 complainant with documenting the issues if necessary.
- Allegations received by fax or e-mail will be acknowledged and processed, once the identity of the
 complainant(s) and the intent to proceed with the complaint have been established. For this, the
 complainant is required to mail a signed, original copy of the fax or email transmittal for the
 complaint to be processed.
- Allegations received by telephone will be reduced to writing and provided to the complainant for confirmation or revision before processing. A complaint form will be forwarded to the complainant for him/her to complete, sign and return for processing.
- Once submitted City of Willcox will review the complaint form to determine jurisdiction. All
 complaints will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will
 be investigated by the City of Willcox or submitted to the State or Federal authority for guidance.

- **City of Willcox** will notify the ADOT Civil Rights Office of ALL Discrimination complaints within 72 hours via telephone at 602-712-8946; or email at civilrightsoffice@azdot.gov.
- City of Willcox has 3 business days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, the Authority may contact the complainant. The complainant has 3 business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within 3 business days, the Authority can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.
- After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the
 complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the
 allegations and states that there was not a Discrimination violation and that the case will be
 closed. An LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and
 explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member or other action
 will occur.
- A copy of either the closure letter or LOF must also be submitted to ADOT within **72** hours of that decision. Letters may be submitted by hardcopy or email.
- A complainant dissatisfied with City of Willcox decision may file a complaint with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) offices of Civil Rights: ATTN ADA/Title VI Program Coordinator 206 S. 17TH Ave MD 155A RM: 183 Phoenix AZ, 85007 FTA: Attention Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590
- A copy of these procedures can be found online at: https://willcox.az.gov/departments/transit.

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Discrimination ADA/Title VI Complaint Form

Section I:					
Name:					
Address:					
Telephone (Home):	Telephone (W	ork):			
Electronic Mail Address:					
Accessible Format Poquirements?	☐ Large Print		☐ Audio Tape		
Accessible Format Requirements?	□ TDD		☐ Other		
Section II:					
Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf	?	☐ Yes*		□ No	
*If you answered "yes" to this question, go to S e	ection III.	•			
If not, please supply the name and relationship					
of the person for whom you are complaining.					
Please explain why you have filed for a third par	ty:				
Please confirm that you have obtained the perm	nission of the	☐ Yes		□ No	
aggrieved party if you are filing on behalf of a th	ird party.				
Section III:					
I believe the discrimination I experienced was based on (check all that apply):					
☐ Race ☐ Color ☐ National Origin ☐ Disability					
Date of Alleged Discrimination (Month, Day, Year):					
Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were discriminated against. Describe all persons who were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known) as well as names and contact information of any witnesses. If more space is needed, please use the back of this form.					
Section VI:					
Have you previously filed a Discrimination Compagency?	plaint with this	☐ Y	es	□ No	

If yes, please provide any reference i	information regarding your previous complaint.
Section V:	
Have you filed this complaint with ar	ny other Federal, State, or local agency, or with any Federal
or State court?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
If yes, check all that apply:	
☐ Federal Agency:	
☐ Federal Court:	State Agency:
☐ State Court:	Local Agency:
	contact person at the agency/court where the complaint
was filed.	
Name:	
Title:	
Agency:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Section VI:	
Name of agency complaint is against	:
Name of person complaint is against	:
Title:	
Location:	
Telephone Number (if available):	
You may attach any written materials or	other information that you think is relevant to your complaint.
Your signature and date are required belo	ow:
Signature	Date
Please submit this form in person at the	address below, or mail this form to:
City of Willcox	
Angel Lauve, Transit Program Manager	
300 W. Rex Allen Dr., Willcox, AZ 85643	

(520) 766-7433 alauve@willcox.az.gov

A copy of this form can be found online at https://willcox.az.gov/departments/transit

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Discrimination ADA/Title VI Investigations, Complaints, and Lawsuits

If no investigations, lawsuits, or complaints were filed select the option below.

☑ **City of Willcox** has not had any ADA nor Title VI Discrimination complaints, investigations, or lawsuits in **2021**.

Complainant	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Basis of Complaint (Race, Color, National Origin or Disability)	Summary of Allegation	Status	Action(s) Taken	Final Findings?
Investigations						
1)						
2)						
Lawsuits						
1)						
2)						
Complaints						
1)						
2)						

Public Participation Plan

City of Willcox is engaging the public in its planning and decision-making processes, as well as its marketing and outreach activities. The public will be invited to participate in the process whether through public meetings or surveys.

As an agency receiving federal financial assistance, **City of Willcox** made the following community outreach efforts and activities to engage minority and Limited English Proficient populations since the last Title VI Plan submittal to ADOT CRO.

- △ Advertised public announcements through newspapers, fliers, or radio
- ☑ Posted the Nondiscrimination Public Notices to the following locations:

 - □ Lobby of agency
- ☐ Partnered with other local agencies to advertise services provided
- ☑ Hosted public information meetings and or hearings:

Transit Advisory Council Meeting – Aug. 5, 2021

Transit Advisory Council Meeting – Feb. 9, 2022

- Added public interactive content to the agency's webpage for the public e.g. social media, to communicate schedule changes or activities (https://www.facebook.com/WILLCOXAZGOV)
- ⊠ Hosted an information booth at a community event:

City of Willcox Job Fair - Sept. 7, 2021

Sunsites Boardwalk - Oct. 22, 2021

City of Willcox Halloween Trunk or Treat – Oct. 30, 2021

Sunsites Community Meeting – Feb., 24, 2022

☐ Updated agency documents/publications to make them more user-friendly e.g. comment forms or agency brochures

City of Willcox will make the following community outreach efforts for the upcoming year:

- Advertise public announcements through newspapers, fliers, or radio
- ☑ Post the Nondiscrimination Public Notices to the following locations:

 - □ Lobby of agency
- ☐ Partner with other local agencies to advertise services provided.
- \boxtimes Host public information meetings and or hearings.
- Add public interactive content to the agency's webpage for the public e.g. social media, to communicate schedule changes or activities.
- ☑ Update agency documents/publications to make them more user-friendly e.g. comment forms or agency brochures.
- ☐ List other: engage with agents with direct access to potential riders

Customer Service Survey

City of Willcox Transit Program		City of Willcox Transit Program		
Customer Service Survey		Encuesta de Atención al cliente		
	April 2022	Abril 2022		
Question # 1	How often do you ride the bus?	Pregunta #1	Con que frecuencia utiliza el camión	
1 - 2 times a	_	1 - 2 veces por	semana 3 - 4 veces por semana	
5-6 times a		5 - 6 veces por	r semana O diario O ocasionalmente	
Question # 2	What type of rider are you?	Pregunta # 2	Usted se considera	
Adult	Senior/Disabled	○ Adulto	 Anciano/Discapacidad Física 	
Child/Student	<u> </u>	○ Niños(a)/Estud	liante Estudiante/Cochise College	
Question #3	Purpose of trip when you use the bus	Pregunta #3	Cual es el propósito de usar el camión?	
○ Medical	○ Employment ○ Recreation ○ Education	○ Medico	○ Empleo ○ Recreación ○ Educación	
○ Safeway	OBank ODollar Stor(Other	○ Safeway	O Banco O Tienda de Dóllar O Otros	
Question # 4	Does your service meet your transportation needs?	Pregunta # 4	Siente usted que el servicio cumple con sus necesidades?	
O Yes	○ No	○ Sí	○ No	
Question #5 Was the driver helpful and courteous?		Pregunta # 5	El conductor fue servicial y cortes?	
○ Yes	○ No	○ Sí	○ No	
Question # 6	How would you rate our customer service?		0 100 1 1 11 2	
OPoor	○ Fair ○ Good ○ Excellent	Pregunta # 6	Como calificaria el servicio al publico?	
0	O 13.11 O 3333 O 2.111.11.11	○ Malo	Aceptable Bueno Excelente	
Question # 7	Was the bus on time?	Pregunta #7	Estuvo a tiempo el camión?	
○ Yes	○ No	○ Sí	○ No	
Question #8	Was the bus clean?	Pregunta #8	Esta limpio el camión?	
○ Yes	○ No	○ Sí	○ No	
Question #9	Was the dispatcher helpful and courteous?	Pregunta #9	La Recepcionista le fue servicial y cortes?	
○ Yes	○ No	○ Sí	○ No	
Question # 10	Where do you need to go that Douglas Rides doesn't?	Pregunta # 10	A donde necesita ir que el servicio actual no lo lleva?	
Benson	○ Safford ○ Tucson ○ Sierra Vista	Benson	○ Safford ○ Tucson ○ Sierra Vista	
Question # 11	How many times would you go to Tucson?	Pregunta # 11	¿Que tan seguido ira a Tucson?	
○ 1 - 2 times a week ○ 3 - 4 times a week		1 - 2 veces por	semana 3 - 4 veces por semana	
 occasionally 	O daily O monthly O wouldn't use this at all	 ocasionalment 	e 🔾 diario 💢 Mensual 🔘 No lo usare	
Question # 12 What would you go to Tucson for?		Pregunta # 12	¿Cual seria la razon de ir a Tucson?	
○ Medical	○ Employment ○ Recreation ○ Education	○ Medico	○ Empleo ○ Recreación ○ Educación	
Thank you for t	aking the time to fill out the survey!!	Gracias por to	mar el tiempo de contestar esta encuesta.	

Limited English Proficiency Plan

City of Willcox has developed the following Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) to help identify reasonable steps to provide language assistance for LEP persons seeking meaningful access to **City of Willcox** services as required by Executive Order 13166. A Limited English Proficiency person is one who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

This plan details procedures on how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, training to staff, notification to LEP persons that assistance is available, and information for future plan updates. In developing the plan while determining the **City of Willcox**'s extent of obligation to provide LEP services, the **City of Willcox** undertook a U.S. Department of Transportation four-factor LEP analysis which considers the following:

• The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible in the **City of Willcox** service area who may be served or likely to encounter by **City of Willcox** program, activities, or services;

Category	Estimate	Percentage of Persons 5 Years & Over	Percentage of Persons 5 Years & Over With LEP
Total Persons 5 years & Over	8,328	100%	
English Speaking Only	5,546	67%	
Limited English Proficiency	1,509	18%	18%
Spanish with LEP	1,193	14%	14%
Other Languages with LEP	0	0%	0

The frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with an City of Willcox services;

City of Willcox's staff reviewed the frequency with which office staff, dispatchers and drivers have, or could have, contact with LEP persons for **2021**. **City of Willcox** averages **2.5 CONTACTS** per **Month**.

 The nature and importance of the program, activities or services provided by the City of Willcox to the LEP population.

Transportation planning is vital to a community and directly affects the lives of those living in the service area. Recommendation on roads, sidewalks, and public transportation service projects are a focus of both the City of Willcox and regional partners such as SEAGO and CBDG. Projects completed directly affect the residents in the community. This includes the minority and low income populations, including the LEP population.

• The resources available to **City of Willcox** and overall costs to provide LEP assistance. A brief description of these considerations is provided in the following section.

The Willcox Dial-a-Ride transit program provides a transit guide in English and Spanish, including all non-discrimination policies and procedures. Willcox Dial-a-Ride will recruit, if possible, Spanish speaking drivers and staff available to assist passengers and others who may have limited English proficiency.

City of Willcox provides a statement in Spanish and will for additional languages specific to the LEP community make up that will be included in all public outreach notices. Every effort will be made to provide vital information to LEP individuals in the language requested.

Safe Harbor Provision for written translations

City of Willcox complies with the Safe Harbor Provision, as evidenced by the number of documents available in the Spanish language. With respect to Title VI information, the following shall be made available in Spanish:

- Non Discrimination Notice
- Discrimination Complaint Procedures
- Discrimination Complaint Form

In addition, we will conduct our marketing (including using translated materials) in a manner that reaches each LEP group. Vital documents include the following:

- Notices of free language assistance for persons with LEP
- Notice of Non-Discrimination and Reasonable Accommodation
- Outreach Materials
- Bus Schedules
- Route Changes
- Public Hearings
- 1) City of Willcox provides language assistance services through the below methods:
 - ☑ Instructions are provided to customer service staff and other **City of Willcox** staff who regularly take phone calls from the general public on how to respond to an LEP caller.
 - ☑ Instructions are provided to vehicle operators, station managers, and others who regularly interact with the public on how to respond to an LEP customer.
 - ☑ Use of "I Speak" cards.
 - ⊠ Bilingual or multilingual versions of:

 - ⊠ System maps and timetables
 - □ Safety and security announcements
 - ⊠ Service change announcements
- 2) **City of Willcox** has a process to ensure the competency of interpreters and translation service through the following methods:

City of Willcox will ask the interpreter or translator to demonstrate that he or she can communicate or translate information accurately in both English and the other language. **City of Willcox** will train the interpreter or translator in specialized terms and concepts associated with the agency's policies and activities. **City of Willcox** will instruct the interpreter or translator that he or she should not deviate into a role as counselor, legal advisor, or any other role aside from interpreting or translator. **City of Willcox** will ask the interpreter or translator to attest that he or she does not have a conflict of interest on the issues that they would be providing interpretation services.

- 3) **City of Willcox** provides notice to LEP persons about the availability of language assistance through the following methods:
 - ☑ Posting signs in intake areas and other points of entry
 - ☑ Statements in outreach documents that language services are available from the agency.
 - ☑ Working with community-based organizations and other stakeholders to inform LEP individuals of the Recipients' services, including the availability of language assistance services

 - ☑ Information tables at local events
 - ☑ Signs and handouts available in vehicles and at stations
 - ⋈ Announcements in vehicles and at stations
 - □ Agency websites
- 4) City of Willcox monitors, evaluates and updates the LEP plan through the following process:

City of Willcox will monitor the LEP plan by conducting an annual Four-Factor analysis, establishing a process to obtain feedback from internal staff and members of the public and conducting internal evaluations to determine whether the language assistance measures are working for staff. City of Willcox will make changes to the language assistance plan based on feedback received. City of Willcox may take into account the cost of proposed changes and the resources available to them. Depending on the evaluation, City of Willcox may choose to disseminate more widely those language assistance measures that are particularly effective or modify or eliminate those measures that have not been effective. City of Willcox will consider new language assistance needs when expanding transit service into areas with high concentrations of LEP persons will consider modifying their implementation plan to provide language assistance measures to areas not previously served by the agency.

5) **City of Willcox** trains employees to know their obligations to provide meaningful access to information and services for LEP persons and all employees in public contact positions will be properly trained to work effectively with in-person and telephone interpreters. **City of Willcox** will implement processes for training of staff through the following procedures:

City of Willcox will identify staff that are likely to come into contact with LEP persons as well as management staff that have frequent contact with LEP persons in order to target training to the appropriate staff. City of Willcox will identify existing staff training opportunities, as it may be costeffective to integrate training on their responsibilities to persons with limited English proficiency into agency training that occurs on an ongoing basis. City of Willcox will include this training as part of the orientation for new employees. Existing employees, especially managers and those who work with the public may periodically take part in re-training or new training sessions to keep up to date on their responsibilities to LEP persons. City of Willcox will implement LEP training to be provided for agency staff. City of Willcox staff training for LEP to include:

- A summary of the City of Willcox responsibilities under the DOT LEP Guidance;
- A summary of the **City of Willcox** language assistance plan;
- A summary of the number and proportion of LEP persons in the **City of Willcox** service area, the frequency of contact between the LEP population and the agency's programs and activities, and the importance of the programs and activities to the population;

- A description of the type of language assistance that the agency is currently providing and instructions on how agency staff can access these products and services; and
 - A description of the **City of Willcox** cultural sensitivity policies and practices.

Information found on the City of Willcox's Route Map:

FREE RIDES FOR PRE-QUALIFIED PERSONS
Persons with disabilities and/or those who are 60 or older can sign up for an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) card to ride for free. Applications are at the Transit office located at 300 W. Rex Allen Drive, Wilkox and online at willcox.az.gov/lepartments/fransit

DAIL-A-RIDE SERVICES RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

BE READY 10 MINUTES EARLY
We will pick you up close to your front door as practical. Please be ready 10 minutes before your pickup time and be watching for the bus.

SPECIAL NEEDS

ADA Accessibility — the bus is equipped with wheelchair ramp/Ent.

Personal Care Attendants — If you need the assistance of a PCA, please mention when making your reservation as they ride for free.

Service Animals — Service animals are welcome on our bus. These are animals that have been trained to perform certain tasks.

SERVICE TO UNIMPROVED (DIRT) ROADS
To prevent damage to the lift system and bus in general, service will be limited to the first % mile off of the pawed roadway onto an unimproved (dirt) road.

- ready when the bus errives. Change, change, change, The transit vehicle is equipped with seatbelts and their use is required. Be safe, respect other riders and take care of sour bus.
- your bus.
 Smoking, eating, and drinking (other than bottled water) are not allowed on board the vehicles.
 Trained service animals are welcome. Other animals/pets must be kept in a secured animal carrier.
- shirt, clean and dry clothing are required, one and electronic device use should be quiet
- and Imited.

 Passengers must keep their packages, strollers,
 walkers, and other carry-ons secured at all times,
 Only 5 grocery store bags are allowed. Large
 packages requiring an unreasonable amount of space
 will not be allowed.
 No drugs, weapons or hazardous materials allowed
- drugs, weapons or hazardous materials anowed the bus ivers may refuse service to anyone who is sruptive, offensive, rude, disorderly, threatening, or pears to be under the influence of drugs or

It is the policy of the City of Willcox Transit to comply with Tile VI of the Civil Rights. Act of 1984. City of Willcox Transit operates public transit services without regard to race, color or national origin, age, genetic or Transit nondiscrimination obligations or to file a complaint, please call the Transit Program Manager at 502-507-6275 or email absurveemil-cox.ex.gov or the ADDT CIVII Rights Office at 602-712-8946 or cwilfights officeal-actic Lipix.

SE REQUIEREN RESERVACIONES PARA DAIL-A-SERVICIOS DE VIAJE



PREPÁRESE 10 MINUTOS ANTES

Lo recogeremos cerca de su puerta principal. Por favor, prepárese 10 minutos antes de la hora de recogida y esté atento al autobús.

NECESIDADES ESPECIALES

Accessibilidad ADA e el autobide está equipado con
Actistentes de cuidado personal es inecesita la
asistencia de asistente de cuidado personal, mencione
adistencia de asistente de cuidado personal, mencione
Animales de servicio e los animales de servicio son
bienvenicios en nuestro autobido. Estos son animales
entrenacios para realizar circitata tureas,

CANCELACIONES

SI llama y cancela antes de que el autobús se envíe entonces no habrá «ingún cargo. Sin embargo, si usted no habla para cancelar tendrá que pagar por ese viaje, así como el próximo que sea programado.

SERVICIO A CARRETERAS NO MEJORADAS (DE TIERRA)

(DE TIERRA)
Para evitar daños al sistema de elevación y al autobús en general, el servicio se limitará a los primeros 3/4 de milla de la carretera pavimentada en un camino no mejorado (de tierra),

- REGLAS DE CONDUCTA DEL PASAJERO

 Se requiere una tarife eracta, Por favor, tenga su dinero en efectivo, o pase, listo cuando llegue el autobia, EL conductor no lleva cambio. El veliculo de trassito esta equipado con cinturones Esté esguro, respete a los demás pasajeros y cuide su autobia.

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Non-elected Committees Membership Table

Subrecipients who select the membership of transit-related, non-elected planning boards, advisory councils, or committees must provide a table depicting the membership of those organizations broken down by race. Subrecipients also must include a description of the efforts made to encourage participation of minorities on these boards, councils, and committees.

*Table Depicting Membership of Committees, Councils, Broken Down by Race

Body	African American/ Black	American Indian/Ala skan Native	Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	Asian	Hispanic/ Latino	White
Population 8,328	1%	.7%	.3%	.4%	46.8%	50.1%
Transit Advisory Council	0%	0%	0%	0%	27%	73%

Membership is advertised on the City's website and social media as well as Council members solicit potential members. And riders are encouraged to apply as well for membership.

Monitoring for Subrecipient Title VI Compliance

Describe how you monitor your subrecipients. This can be through site visits, submissions of Title VI Plans annually, or training and surveys.

☑ City of Willcox does <u>not</u> monitor subrecipients for Title VI compliance as it does not have any FTA subrecipients.

Title VI Equity Analysis

A subrecipient planning to acquire land to construct certain types of facilities must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin, against persons who may, as a result of the construction, be displaced from their homes or businesses. "Facilities" in this context does not include transit stations or bus shelters, but instead refers to storage facilities, maintenance facilities, and operation centers.

There are many steps involved in the planning process prior to the actual construction of a facility. It is during these planning phases that attention needs to be paid to equity and non-discrimination through equity analysis. The Title VI Equity Analysis must be done before the selection of the preferred site.

Note: Even if facility construction is financed with non-FTA funds, if the subrecipient organization receives any FTA dollars, it must comply with this requirement.

☑ **City of Willcox** has no current or anticipated plans to develop new transit facilities covered by these requirements

Fixed Route Transit Provider Analysis

Fixed Route: Public transit service (other than by aircraft) provided on a repetitive, fixed-schedule basis along a specific route, with vehicles stopping to pick up passengers.

A subrecipient providing fixed route service, as defined above, must determine the distribution of transit amenities or the vehicle assignments for each mode in a non-discriminatory manner. The subrecipient must develop policies to ensure service is not distributed on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

Effective practices to fulfill the Service Standards requirements include developing written policies covering each of the following service indicators: (can be expressed in writing or in table format – see Circular Appendix G & H pp. 87-91)

☑ **City of Willcox** is **not** a Fixed Route Transit Provider.

Board Approval for the Title VI Plan

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ HELD ON THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Michael Laws called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - City Clerk Crystal Hadfield called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor Michael Laws Vice Mayor Timothy Bowlby Councilwoman Rachel Garza Councilwoman Rebecca Akes Councilman Paul Sheats Councilman Carl Hestand Councilman Gregory Hancock

STAFF

City Manager Caleb Blaschke – via Zoom Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield Public Safety Director Dale Hadfield Public Works Director Jeff Stoddard Assistant to the City Manager Robert Wisler Transit Manager Angel Lauve

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Led by the City Council

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - None

DECLARATION ON CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST – None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Garza made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Garza asked if the parking issue was resolved to which Mayor Laws said yes. **MOTION:** Councilmember Sheats made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Akes seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

FISCAL YEAR 2021 AUDIT PRESENTATION – STEVE PALMER

Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield introduced Steve Palmer, from Hinton Burdick, via Zoom to the City Council. Steve Palmer presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit via PowerPoint. Palmer said it's been a pleasure to work with the city and staff. They make a thorough examination of the city records. The city passed the audit. They communicate this through the reports that they issue. They express their opinion on the Financial Statements which is a clean report. They issue a second report on internal control. They are pleased to report no material weakness.

There was one finding for adjustments needed to be made in accordance with accounting standards. This is a very common finding simply because it is extremely difficult to make every adjustment. The third report on compliance relates to finances. Palmer went over the city's net equity and reported on the general fund and utility (enterprise) funds. The city's net position shows an increase for FY21. Palmer showed graphs to represent the city's balances. The cash trends have increased over the years in the general fund. Enterprise funds show depreciation which the general fund does not. They operate more as a business. The gas fund expenses exceeded revenues due to the winter storm event in Texas last year. The water fund revenues have exceeded expenses in FY21. The dip in cash was due to paying off long term debt a few years ago. The sewer fund had a significant capital project for a few years which is reflected on the grant. The expenses have increased, a significant portion is due to depreciation expense for the wastewater system. The expenses closely line up. For refuse, there was a slight increase which is to be expected to break even. Palmer said thank you and asked if there were any questions to which there were none.

APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE ARTS COMMISSION

DISCUSSION: Hestand said he knows Kalogrides and she is a great person and he recommends her. Bowlby said he tried to see if she could come but she must be working. They are from New York and interested in helping out. Hestand said they say they love Willcox. Sheats said they go to basketball games to support the community. Garza said that she spoke to Kalogrides about getting on the chamber and it rolled right into place.

MOTION: Councilmember Garza made a motion to appoint Allie Kalogrides to the Arts Commission.

SECONDED: Councilmember Akes seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

<u>PUBLIC HEARING: APPLICATION SERIES 12 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PLAZA MEXICAN AMERICAN FOOD PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT: 5:48 p.m.</u>

DISCUSSION: Mayor Laws said anytime we can help a business we should do that. Garza asked if it is a specific type of liquor to which Bowlby said beer, wine, and liquor.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT: 5:50 p.m.

APPROVE AN APPLICATION SERIES 12 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PLAZA MEXICAN AMERICAN FOOD

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Garza said they are doing really well. Jodi Brock said they did cut their hours. **MOTION:** Vice Mayor Bowlby made a motion to approve the Series 12 liquor license for Plaza Mexican American Food.

SECONDED: Councilmember Akes seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

APPROVE THE 2022 ARIZONA MUNICIPAL RISK RETENTION POOL (A.M.R.R.P.) RENEWAL FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY COVERAGE

DISCUSSION: Finance Director/City Clerk Crystal Hadfield introduced Ed Bantel, from A.M.R.R.P., via Zoom to the City Council. Bantel gave some highlights of the insurance market. It is extremely hard to get cyber coverage for a municipality. Property and crime is very hard. It's brutal out there for the cyber market. They are raising rates and deductibles. Cities and towns.. E&O municipalities are paying more than 10-30% increases. Settlements and the pandemic are driving increases as well. Excess coverage is going up about 25% a year in the market. Workers' Compensation is getting a little better which is interesting. Property is going up about 21% as a result of natural disasters. That is the state of the market but pool members are sheltered from this. Bantel gave an overview of the policy from last year to this year. They have been able to maintain the great cyber policies. They have a new company they partner with called BitSite to help with cyber. Your property premiums went up 1%. Your auto went up 1% which is roughly \$400. The biggest change is in general liability went up 14%. If your budget went up that accounts for the change and they look at the last few years of claims. When you average it out, it is a 7% increase. This does not include dividends. They have given back \$31,453 given back last year. He can't say for sure if there will be a dividend this year; however, they are in great shape. As far as worker's comp, they expect a very low increase. Sheats asked if the rental cars made a difference. They encourage that program and offer a discount. It is

helping keep auto down. Auto is staying pretty stable right now. Garza asked if they are with the indusrial commission with. Laws said if insurance goes up, would he be able to pinpoint what that was. Budget growth and claims. Last year was good but the two prior years were not as good. Laws asked if he needs to get with us if there is a problem. Bantel said the claims department is involved in that and our history of claims are really good there were just a few anomalies. Last year you were back to normal and glitches happen. Garza asked as Quail Park is expanded does the cost increase? Bantel said travel restrictions are being lifted and he could come down and talk with Council. There are things that affect premium such as adding a vehicle to the policy which is prorated. When people budget they don't think about that and for example, if a major purchase is made, he can predict what the premium might be. He would be happy to come down to Willcox to go over this.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Bowlby made a motion to approve the renewal for property and liability coverage.

SECONDED: Councilmember Sheats seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED – UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSIT GRANT:

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT: 6:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Sheats said his mom used the transit and it was quick and easy, and he likes it. Mayro Laws said it

is a good service.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT: 6:19 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2022-01 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE OF AWARDS

DISCUSSION: Melanie Greene from SEAGO discussed the application. Over the past two years they have worked on this program and it is a success. Angel Lauve, the Transit Manager, worked with Connie Gastelum from SEAGO on getting the program going. Congratulations for getting it going. It's a real positive thing for Lauve and the staff on getting it done. They are here to get approval to apply for the grant application and award and approve the expenditures in any award that they get. If you are interested in seeing the application, Lauve or Hadfield can show you the application. Greene went over the two-year budget. When the awards are made with ADOT, you negotiate the budget based on the federal awards they receive. If you look at the city share bottom line, ADOT refund you \$.80 on the dollar for administrative costs and ... The budget is significantly higher because VICAP does not wish to continue that service so the option is for Willcox to take up that service and take riders to Tucson. You will still have your dial-a-ride system. This is a new proposal to pick up that service. Those numbers are included and you will receive about \$40,000 from AAA for the dial-a-ride. If you start the Tucson route it will increase by another \$35,000 which is significant. The Cochise County board of supervisors has supported and... On administration you are getting 80% back which you are getting back for things that you are already doing. Some of those costs are going to transit and that is how much you are getting back. When they add the sources together, the only real cash you have is \$12,841 which is over two years. The application is available and due on Wednesday and ADOT won't accept it late. A copy of the resolution accompanies the application. If anyone is concerned, when ADOT awards a fund, you are not required to spend it. If you look at the capital, there is money for a bus barn, fencing, and software which become city assets. You may get awarded this but if you don't want to spend as much, you could eliminate the capital. Mayor Laws said we are not interested in doing anything Greene said because you are not obligated to accept the award, if you don't add the potential runs to Tucson, you have to wait three years. Sheats asked if we apply and say we are not into going to Tucson, can we pull out of that to which Greene said yes. Greene said you have one vehicle and when they talked about VICAP not doing that run for essential medical services, they couldn't get VICAPs bus; however, San Carlos/Apache are willing to give two vehicles to Willcox. They have new busses coming and offered to give us their two older ones. The Tribal Council has that on their agenda. Greene said that there are trips being denied because there hasn't been a driver. All of those costs are in there. Lauve and Hadfield went over all of the costs. Bowlby asked about the next two years adding the inter-city police. Funding is never for certain. Is there a plan to support the plan to make this a sustainable program? Greene said there is not a transit system in the Country that can cover their own costs. She can only remember one year where the federal budget was held up. On our local match sources, AAA hasn't been bothered in a long time because it is geared toward elderly. You are serving a lot of cities in the County so showing them costs you will have a strong position with the

County. VICAP is a volunteer driver program and Willcox doesn't have a driver currently. Blaschke said one of the things that the council wanted to see is statistics and we only have about four months. As we gain more over the years we can reevaluate. There is another County Supervisor that gives \$10-15,000 a year. As Greene said we have to plan and move forward. If for some reason it isn't going the right way, the City could opt-out of it. Greene said the big commitment is the resolution tonight... Laws said he doesn't like to be blindsighted. Scheduling issues were a problem. Lauve said her driver has been out as well. Greene apologized and said she doesn't like. Hadfield said that the dial-a-ride if it goes to Tucson, how much is a bus ticket? Food for thought, the Salvation Army said this might be a valid option. Sheats said he is okay with it but he likes that they can back out. Hestand asked Blaschke what is his recommendation. Blaschke said that there is no harm in moving forward and it is becoming more successful and we should keep moving forward with it and bring it back in a year so that Council can make an informed decision. It will be brought back for future discussion.

MOTION: Councilmember Sheats made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Hestand seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION 2022-02 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN ADOT REQUIRED TITLE VI CIVIL RIGHTS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION PLAN

DISCUSSION: Melanie Greene gave an overview of the plan. This is a federal requirement for funds of this type and that you won't discriminate when spending these funds. This is the same plan approved last year. There have been some updates, none of which are critical. This must be approved separately. Hestand said that similar things are done everyday for federally funded plans. This is a normal common thing, or you won't get the money. Greene said this is almost an identical plan to the States.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Bowlby made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

SECONDED: Councilmember Akes seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Caleb Blaschke said there is not much happening. Thank if you if you got a chance to see Cheryl Moss get an award. Hadfield said that Boeing is doing dress rehearsals on the playa. Four or five firefighters will be there. They will get pictures. Blaschke said our new golf carts are in. We are looking to go out to bid on several projects for the parks and bring those back in late March or early April. Mayor Laws asked if we are getting responses to which Blaschke said we haven't gone out to bid yet; however, we have been getting interest from local contractors. Mayor Laws asked if we are planning on doing some of the work ourselves to which Blaschke said yes and that goes towards in-kind.

COMMENTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Hestand said it looks like everything is going really well and he is pleased with the progress and efforts from staff.

Akes said congratulations to Cheryl Moss for her award.

Hancock congratulations to Cheryl Moss. She volunteers for a lot. It seems like there are a lot of people in the hotel enjoying the Chiricahuas.

Sheats said hearing the budget report is good. We are making improvements and things are going. He knows that with the school year ending, hopefully we can help with jobs. They had a great season this year.

Garza said she wants to see us keep moving forward. Things are looking good and she has calmed some people down about the trash issue.

Bowlby gave kudos to staff. A lot of the time, they are not the hands on the ground. They are the ones doing the work and they are doing an awesome job. It was a good idea to approve, they have an out and we don't have to accept and spend the money. The momentum you can't just stop or slow it down. The staff that we have is

awesome. It's awesome having the council that is the yes council that keeps moving things forward. IT's been an awesome experience working with Council.

Laws said he echoes everything that was said. We've been busy the last six months. The pool is coming soon. You are going to see Loves and he believes that the other entities are going to be happy also. They are going to come around. We are really looking forward to going back to Phoenix for other things coming. He is hesitant with the transit because our plates are full. Council knows Mayor well enough to know that he doesn't like to surprise them with anything. He is sure that it will work out. If you were listening, the VICAP drivers were volunteer. He wants it to work out and Hadfield and Sheats brought up valid points. Someone has to implement this and he is hesitant to surprise them. We have had some successful police and fire work in the last few weeks. He hates that Joe Stone from KOA passed. If you know someone to take his place on P&Z... He appreciates the reporter coming and there was an article on himself where he bragged on the hospital because they saved his life.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Akes made a motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business at 7:02 p.m.

SECONDED: Vice Mayor Bowlby seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED - UNANIMOUS

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Willcox held on the 17th day of February 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a guorum was present.

	Dated this 17th day of February 2022
	City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24 th day of March, 2022.	
ATTEST:	Mayor Michael J. Laws
City Clerk Crystal L. Hadfield	